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# Continuing Education

## Limitations on Open University and Special Sessions Credit

Matriculated graduate students may **not** enroll in courses through Open University.

Students who have not been admitted to the university may enroll in on-campus courses through Open University during the regular semester on a space available basis with the approval of the course instructor and the department chair. Courses taken through Open University prior to admission to the university may be transferred to meet graduate degree requirements with the approval of the graduate adviser and the graduate dean and are limited to 9-30 units depending on the degree objective (see Transfer Credit section).

Special Session programs are offered through the College of Extended Studies. A matriculated graduate student who is not in a special sessions program may only take courses through Special Session if the course is not being offered through the regular session, if the student must take the course as part of their program of study, and if the course will not be offered again prior to the student's planned graduation date. In these cases, if the student is taking regular session courses, he or she will have to pay special session fees and regular session fees given they are enrolled in the regular session.

## Open University

Most regular on-campus courses are open to students through enrollment in Open University. Open University courses earn non-matriculated resident credit and enrollment for students not seeking an advanced degree or advanced certificate and does not require formal admission to the university. Enrollment in courses through Open University is on a space available basis with the consent of the instructor and approval of the chair of the department in which the course is offered. Students pay College of Extended Studies fees for these units. The course repeat policy applies to courses repeated through Open University. Consult the College of Extended Studies or the current *Class Schedule* for complete details on Open University qualifications and registration procedures. A maximum of 24 units earned through Open University, Extension, and credit by examination combined may be used toward total units required for the bachelor's degree.

Open University classes may not be taken by the following:

1. Nonmatriculated foreign students (nonresidents from non-English-speaking countries) with a score of less than 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or its equivalent.
2. Foreign students with I-20 visas from another university.
3. SDSU matriculated students.
4. Disqualified students – Undergraduate students who have been disqualified from SDSU will not be allowed to attend Open University or classes through Special Sessions until one year from the date of their disqualification. Graduate students will not be allowed for one semester following disqualification.

## Extension

In order to meet the needs of the adult community as well as matriculated students, the campus provides a variety of extension courses, workshops, and Open University programs. For the convenience of adult students, most courses are scheduled in the evenings or on weekends, on campus or at convenient learning extension centers throughout the service area.

## Extension Courses

Extension courses are offered each semester in a number of areas including education, business administration, public administration, and the arts and sciences. Many courses and programs are developed in cooperation with off-campus organizations and groups who have identified specific needs. Many extension courses are now offered online. For information on these courses visit the Web site at <http://www.neverstoplearning.net>. Some one-unit weekend workshops are also offered throughout the year. These courses are listed in a special Extended Studies Catalog published three times a year.

There is no limit on the total number of extension units for which a student may enroll; however, the maximum extension credit which may be used toward SDSU bachelor's degree requirements is 24 units. Courses offered through Extension that are not offered on campus or are not required in a student's program of study will appear on the SDSU transcript but are not transferable for graduate credit. Graduate students who enroll in these courses normally do so for personal enrichment only. Courses offered through Extension numbered 500-899 may be transferred with the approval of the graduate adviser and the Dean of the Division of Graduate Affairs.